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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJECT: BIO CAT III, IV VIETNAMESE REFUGEE DIEP TRONG YEM

FAMILY OF 13

REF: (A) STATE 165975, (B) STOCKHOLM 3518, (C) STATE 111198,

(D) STATE 178281, (E) STATE 190924

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON REFTEL (A). OUR BELIEF IS THAT YEM FAMILY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED RESETTLED IN SWEDEN UNDER ANY MEANINGFUL DEFINITION OF THE TERM. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE REFTEL B HAVE MADE THIS CLEARER, AND WE SHALL STATION SITUATION BRIEFLY.

2. YEM FAMILY OF 13 ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM APRIL 30, 1975, ON FISHING BOAT, TRYING TO REACH US FLEET. NEARBY SWEDISH VESSEL RESCUED THEM WHEN FISHING BOAT RAN INTO DIFFICULTY. SWEDISH VESSEL TOOK GROUP TO SUBIC BAY BUT WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND; APPARENTLY US ALSO REFUSED TO ACCEPT YEM FAMILY IN HONG KONG; THEREFORE SWEDES FLEW REFUGEES TO SWEDEN.

3. YEM FAMILY HAS FAILED TO INTEGRATE INTO SWEDISH LIFE. THEY ARE THE ONLY SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUTEES IN SWEDEN, LIVING IN AN AREA OF STOCKHOLM AMONG NON-SWEDES MANY OF WHOM ARE HOSTILE TO THEM. MANY SWEDES ARE ALSO HOSTILE

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BECAUSE OF SWEDEN'S OPPOSITION TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAUSE

DURING VIETNAM WAR. THREATS AND SOME ACTUAL BREAKIN'S  
AND ATTACKS HAVE REDUCED THE YEM'S TO A HIGHLY INSECURE AND  
UNSTABLE STATE. EMBOFF WHO HAS BEEN DEALING WITH FAMILY  
(JEAN COPP, WHO FORMERLY SERVED IN VIETNAM) IS CONVINCED  
THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO INTEGRATE INTO SWEDISH LIFE,  
AND BELIEVES THEIR SITUATION IS GETTING PROGRESSIVELY WORSE.  
THIS BELIEF IS SHARED BY SWEDISH LEGAL AND MEDICAL OFFICIALS  
WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH FAMILY.

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY BELIEVES IT FAIR TO  
SAY YEM FAMILY IS NOT "RESETTLED" IN SWEDEN, AND BELIEVES  
THAT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS US SHOULD NOT DENY THEM ENTRY  
INTO US. THEREFORE EMBASSY REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION  
STATED REFTTEL A. (NOTE: DCM PERRY WILL BE IN DEPARTMENT ON  
CONSULTATION PRIOR TO HOME LEAVE DEC 13 - 17 AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CASE IN D/HA.)  
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